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Narrative: Email received: Here is the story of my dogs deaths by the Bayer Seresto collars that was sent in to Bayer. they called me 3 1/2 months later to say the collars had nothing to do with their deaths.

THIS IS THE STORY OF MY 2 CAVACHON LIL BUDDIES DANNY 10 1/2 DOMINIC 5. I JUST LOST THE 2ND 1 DOMINIC YESTERDAY SATURDAY IN THE LAST 21 DAYS PLEASE READ.

DEAR Bayer: Makers of Seresto flea & tick collar

I am writing this letter telling you at Bayer my experience with your Seresto collars. I bought 4 collars for my 4 dogs on 5/6/19 at the Abington animal hospital in Abington Ma. I have a female 13 1/2 yr old Cocker spaniel, a male 2 yr old Golden doodle, & 2 male Cavachons 10 1/2 & yrs old. On Thursday 6/6/19 @ 3am my 5 yr old Cavachon Dominic had a seizure, we immediately took the collar off him along with the Danny our other Cavachon & had our son at home take the collars off our other 2 dogs. Dominic vomited pooped & had muscle weakness during the night. he seemed to bounce back some the next day. Later that same day 6/6/19 at 4:15 pm my 10 1/2 yr old Cavachon Danny had a seizure. We took him to the Country Veterinary clinic in carver ma near my seasonal camper in carver. There he was examined They did blood work & checked him out & couldn't find & issue other than hi sugar & phospherous levels. They said try feeding both dogs boiled chicken & rice or boiled hamburgh & rice or pasta. later that night Dominic had another episode where he fell over & vomited & pooped all over our campers deck. He was lethargic all day on Friday 6/7/19, He would not eat anything. The 10 1/2 yr old Danny was lethargic early in the day he perked up in the mid afternoon & ate chicken & pasta while Dominic remained lethargic.

On the morning of Saturday 6/8/19 my 10 1/2 yr old Danny had another seizure with coughing. He was laying down in our camper kitchen floor as we patted him to bring him out of it. Suddenly his legs started to stiffen & started wrenching back & forth towards each other as he died at my feet. We brought Danny's body back to the vet at the Country Vet clinic that morning when they opened. The Dr took him in the back room to do an autopsy after they closed at noon. We came back at 11am with Dominic who remained lethargic & still was not eating. he did blood work & iv fluids to hydrate him. Dominic's blood work showed hi phospherous levels like Danny's but his blood sugar was normal compared to Danny.he thought Dannys hi sugar was caused by the seizure. Dr Simpson's autopsy did not show any abnormalities of any of Danny's organs kidneys liver, lungs, stomach. He had some thickening of the arteris around his heart which may have caused the cough he had along with the hi pollen this spring. The Dr. still could not find a reason for all that had happened to our cavachons & the seizures that they had 15 hours apart from each other.

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My dogs are always with us they got into nothing that might cause these problems what so ever. We looked up the ingredients of the Seresto collars espescially the pesticide used by the name IMIDACLOPRID. We found that every symptom both our little dogs had can be caused by this pesticide that you use in these collars. the only thing we did different with our dogs is to get them these Seresto collars. Now my Danny is dead & as i write this on 6/17/19. My Dominic has showed some improvement but is still far from the active & playful dog he was before his seizure on 6/6/19. We took Dominic back to the vet on Monday 6/10/19 where he received more iv fluids & shots of prednisone & an anti neahsea to help his appetite out. he also gave us pills of both meds to give him for 5 days. The vet gave Dominic as he went 5 days without eating but just drinking some special dog food. On Wednesday 6/13/19 Dominic finally ate some without us feeding him. His back legs were still weak where we had to carry him down to go the bathroom. On Thursday 6/13/19 he finally went down then back up the stairs on his own, the same on Friday 6/14/19. By the end of friday & after a few short walks his back legs were still weak trying to stand. He finally moved his bowels on Friday 6/14/19 2 times. On Saturday 6/15/19 his birthday at around 5:10 pm he kind of rolled over & couldn't get up. My wife picked him up but he seems just dead tired. He has been eating a little better each day but has continued to vomit on occassion. Dominic is at best 1/2 of what he was before hi 1st seizure on 6/6/19 @ 3AM. i'm just hoping there's no neurologogical damage IMIDACLOPRID & FLUMETHRIN can cause. The vet told us he could not rule out the collars from causing these symptoms in our beloved pets Danny & Dominic. My regular vet of the Abington animal hospital where we bought the collars. He basicly said it's like hitting the lottery it's possible the collars may have caused it. Both vets said what are the odds of 2 dogs 1 month after putting these collars on them having seizures 15 hours apart from each other.

My wife & i truly believe your collar killed my prescious dog Danny& has almost caused Dominic to die twice on 6/8/19 & 6/9/19. We have spent \$285 for the 4 collars we bought our dogs that wore them for 1 month to the day 5/6/19 - 6/6/19. It killed 1 dog & another is still fighting the effects of them as i write this letter on 6/17/19. Then throw in my vet bills treating 2 dogs & getting another 1 checked out its over \$1,500. I will tell you this now i will tell every pet owner i know in person & others on social media what i truly believe what your Seresto flea & tick collar did to our beloved family pets. I'm also sending with this letter my \$15 rebate for each of the collars i purchased for my 4 dogs. Wow isn't that nice, a big \$60 back for my poor dead Danny & possibly another dog dying down the road or never being his playful energenic self again.

Thank you for a horrible 2 weeks. This is the letter i sent to Bayer earlier last week along with my rebate mail in for the collars. I cant wait to hear from them if they even do.

As of yesterday 6/29/19 Dominic passed away after not eating for the last 5 days on his own . My wife & i were actually force feeding him by spoon he was throwing it up meds & food then the water. He got an anti nausea shot on 6/27/19 by the vet along with pills for the same. He just got worse & worse till he passed. Now he's back with Danny in doggie heaven as he's also been grief stricken from Danny's passing 3 weeks ago to the day. Dom Dom as we called him was the black & white dog. these were my best dogs ever Danny got me thru 10 surgeries over a 9 year period with Dom Dom also there for a few. these cavachons are the most loving & happy dogs i have ever had & now they're gone over a chemical collar that can kill your dog by the pesticides in them. I truly believe it killed them both & feel the need to warn all you pet owners. Right now my beloved dom dom is in my fridge because the other hospital i brought him too after he

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passed didnt have a fridge only freezers. I am going to bring him to the treating vet tomorrow monday july 1st so he can autopsy Dominic if he has been in a freezer they couldn't do it.

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The et called me with what he found on Doms autopsy on 7/1/19. He said all Doms organs showed no problems whatsoever. Even his stomach throughout all his vomiting the last 3 weeks & his loss of appetite which was a complete loss the last 6 days. When we brought Dom to him on Thursday 6/27/19 he gave him an anti nausea shot & some pills for that & see if he would try eating. If that didn't work he said you may have to go to a animal hospital & maybe have a scope to see what his stomach problem is. So when I asked would a scope have done or found anything he said no his stomach was fine. He said he took specimen samples from liver & other organs to be sent out to a lab. He also talked to Bayer the maker of the Seresto collars. They say the collars don't do this but they will pick up the cost of the lab work. Isn't that so nice of them their product killed my beloved dogs. God forbid this get out & slow down their profits on the collars that can kill pets across the country. It's all about profit over pet health. The vet again told me he can't rule out the collars he just doesn't understand how a healthy 5 year old like Dominic died when he shouldn't be dead now. I've looked online & found many hundreds of pets & their owners going thru the exact thing we went thru. Some dogs survived others didn't. It just makes me sick to think this is allowed by a company like Bayer. Only then did I also find out Bayer bought Monsanto. Monsanto has been killing people for over 100 years with their cancer causing products like ROUND UP weed killer they should also add people to the weeds. So then I guess what is the problem if they are killing pets when they kill people..

Just 6 weeks after Dominic passed I started my facebook page called BAYER SERESTO COLLARS OF DEATH. It now has 1,244 members many with similar symptoms. I was mentioned in the usa article by Midwest investigating reporting.

Email response:

Thank you for emailing and reporting an adverse health effect due to the use of a Seresto flea collar. I am very sorry to hear about your situation and heartbroken to hear that you lost both of your beloved dogs.

Please call us at 800-858-7378 Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm Pacific Time to speak directly to a Pesticide Specialist to further report and discuss the situation.

The National Pesticide Information Center at Oregon State University is an information service and has no regulatory authority in relation to pesticides. However, our incident reports are made available to the US EPA.

Furthermore, our website features a reporting database that veterinarians can use to report adverse effects related to pesticide products. Please be aware this resource is only for veterinarians. Please consider encouraging your veterinarian to submit a report through this portal when they observe adverse reactions to pesticide products. The link for this portal is provided below.

Veterinary Pesticide Adverse Effects Reporting http://npic.orst.edu/vet (for use only by veterinary professionals)